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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: City of Laurel

FACILITY NAME: City of Laurel Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 1508 Sewer Plant Road, Laurel

COUNTY: Yellowstone

RECEIVING WATER: Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020311

The City of Laurel completed construction of a new Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) wastewater treatment plant in May 2015 and installed an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system in 2013. The UV system went on line in February 2014. Other plant expansion and improvements made during construction of the BNR plant include, secondary clarifier renovations, secondary sludge pumping improvements, improved solids processing and chemical feed facilities, and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) improvements. Additionally, the facility design flow was increased to 1.13 million gallons per day; therefore, the facility is now a Major publically-owned treatment works for MPDES purposes.

Under this permit the facility is authorized to discharge treated wastewater meeting effluent limits to a side channel and small ditch to the Yellowstone River at Outfall 001.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 7, 2016. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection

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Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 7, 2016, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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